

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Education Meeting

Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, W Greenwich, RI

MEETING MINUTES

The form and content of these minutes conform to commonly accepted standards and shall become the official record of the meeting after review and approval by the School Committee. By definition, minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.

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Convene Meeting

Call to order Chair Pande, 6:03 PM

Board members present: Claudine Pande, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Diane Bampton Allen, Sheryl Green, Lee Kissinger

Board members absent: Theresa Donovan

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. District Mission Statement

III. Recognitions/Achievements

A. Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest

- **Local Chapter Winner**
- **State Winner**
- **Northeast Division Winner (New England and New York)**
- **Sixth Grade National Winner**

Madeline Green was honored as the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest Local Chapter Winner, State of RI Winner, Northeast Division Winner (New England and New York), and Sixth Grade National Winner!

IV. Open Forum

Nancy Bresky expressed gratitude that next year's school calendar recognizes the Jewish holidays. In response to Mrs. Bresky's concern, Chair Pande said that plans for student travel to England are not in place at this time. Follow-up information is forthcoming.

V. Routine Items

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2016, February 16, 2016, March 14, 2016, and April 4, 2016; Capital Project Building Committee Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2016;**

Special Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2016; Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2016; Executive Session Minutes of April 12, 2016

B. Personnel Items

- 1. Appointments**
- 2. Leaves of Absence – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
 - a. Letter from Susan Neff requesting to extend her current unpaid leave of absence from her position as 1.0 FTE English Teacher at the Senior High School for the 2016-2017 school year**
- 3. Resignations**
- 4. Non-Renewals**
- 5. Job Share Proposals**
- 6. Recalls**
- 7. Sabbaticals**
- 8. Contracts**

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$410,578.36

D. Home School Approvals

End Consent Agenda

Member Bampton Allen and Clerk Zuercher requested to pull the Special Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2016 and Clerk Zuercher requested to pull the Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of April 12, 2016 due to absence.

MSV – To accept the consent agenda, less the minutes of April 11, 2016 and April 12, 2016-Regular and Executive Session – Rafanelli/Green – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To accept the [Special Meeting] Minutes of April 11, 2016 – Rafanelli/Kissinger – (4-0-2) – Zuercher and Bampton Allen abstained - MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To accept the [Regular and Executive Session] Minutes of April 12, 2016 – Rafanelli/Bampton Allen – (5-0-1) – Zuercher abstained – MOTION APPROVED

E. Correspondence – (1) Seniors-Important Dates 2016; (2) 2016-2019 Fiscal Impact Statement-Council 94, AFSCME, AFL-CIO; (3) 2016-2019 Fiscal Impact Statement-EWG Teachers' Association, NEAR/NEA

F. 2016 – 2017 Budget

VI. New Business

A. Approve 2016 – 2017 Calendar Revision

Item held for Executive Session, as it relates to the Teachers' Association Contract Ratification. Vote to be disclosed in Open Session following Executive Session.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. School Start Time - Discussion

Item continued to the next regular meeting agenda.

B. Reserve/Capital Project Update

VIII. Reports/Comments

Superintendent Erinakes:

Communication received from Commissioner Wagner requesting to meet with teachers, administrators, and School Committee members to discuss school empowerment and other education topics on June 15 – Wednesday

IX. Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, May 10, 2016-School Committee Meeting-Wawaloam School Presentation; Tuesday, May 24, 2016-School Committee Meeting; **Wednesday, June 15, 2016-School Committee Meeting-Special Education/Lineham School Presentation; Tuesday, June 28, 2016-School Committee Meeting**

Superintendent Erinakes:

The Special Education/Lineham School presentation date was changed to Wednesday, June 15. Principal Ratigan will present information to the School Committee regarding Metcalf School's transition to a new grading report system and new report cards on May 24.

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 6:22 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers' Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice; EWG Teachers' Association Contract Ratification and Council 94 Contract Ratification Rafanelli/Bampton Allen – and voted as follows:

Claudine Pande	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Diane Bampton Allen	AYE
Sheryl Green	AYE

X. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5

A. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)

B. 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers' Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice; EWG Teachers' Association Contract Ratification and Council 94 Contract Ratification

C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel

D. 42-46-5(a)(3) – Security

MSV – To reconvene to Open Session – Kissinger/Rafanelli – (6-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

Reconvened to Open Session at 7:27 PM

MSV – To approve amended 2016 – 2017 calendar – Rafanelli/Kissinger
(6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XI. Disclosure of votes taken in Executive Session

MSV – To ratify contract for teachers – Rafanelli/Bampton Allen – (6-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

Claudine Pande	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Diane Bampton Allen	AYE
Sheryl Green	AYE

MSV – To approve Council-94 contract – Rafanelli/Bampton Allen – (6-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

Claudine Pande	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Diane Bampton Allen	AYE
Sheryl Green	AYE

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of April 26, 2016] –
Rafanelli/Kissinger – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XII. Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of April 26, 2016] –
Rafanelli/Bampton Allen – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XIII. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Rafanelli/Kissinger – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**